

## **Press Release of Classis Alberta, October 27, 2015**

### **Opening**

On behalf of the convening Church of Neerlandia, brother Albert VanLeeuwen opened the meeting in a Christian manner. A special welcome is extended to brother Gerard Veurink who is present for his preparatory examination. A welcome is also extended to Rev. H. Van der Woerd from the URC and Rev. W.B. Slomp who is helping out with the examination.

Credentials are in good order. Classis is constituted and the following brothers took their place as executive: Rev. A.B. Roukema, chairman; Rev. R. Aasman, vice-chairman; Rev. C. Vanderlinde, clerk. The following memorabilia are mentioned: the passing on of Rev. M. van Beveren; the retirement of Rev. J.P. Kalkman; the health concerns of Dr. J. DeJong and Dr. N.H. Gootjes; the moving of Rev. J. Louwse to Hamilton; the fact that the Lord blessed Rev. C. Vanderlinde and his wife with a healthy baby boy; that the Church at Barrhead just moved into new facilities; that the Church at Calgary extended a call to candidate Rick Vanderhorst that was declined; that the Church at Coaldale extended a call to Rev. C. VanderVelde that was declined; finally that the Church at Immanuel is eagerly looking forward to the arrival of Rev. J. Van Spronsen in the new year.

### **Preparatory examination of student Gerard Veurink**

Student Veurink presents a sermon on 1 John 2:15-17; he is examined in Old Testament and New Testament exegesis and on church doctrine. Classis joyfully concludes that the examination went well, and declares brother Veurink eligible for call.

### **Reports**

Reports from the Classis treasurer, the church for the inspection of the books of the treasurer, and Contact with Provincial Government were received with appreciation. In closed session church visitors presented a report on a visit to the Church at Coaldale. This was received with thankfulness.

### **Proposals and instructions**

It was decided to remove from classical regulations the reference to the Committee for Financial Aid to Students for the Ministry since the federation now has a central fund for this purpose. Requests for pulpit supply by the vacant churches at Calgary, Coaldale, Edmonton-Immanuel and Neerlandia is granted. Rev. T. Vandergaag will draw up a schedule.

### **Question Period Article 44, CO**

Advice was given to a church in the matter of church discipline.

### **Convening of next Classis**

The Church at St. Albert is appointed as convening church for the next Classis; date for Classis is December 8, 2015 with March 8, 2016 as alternate. Suggested officers: chairman – Rev. T. Vandergaag; vice-chairman – Rev. C. Vanderlinde; clerk – Rev. A.B. Roukema.

Rev. R. Aasman and Rev. A.B. Roukema are reappointed as church visitors.

### **Delegates for Regional Synod**

Delegation to Regional Synod Winnipeg Grace, November 2, 2015: elders: Henry Baker and Ite Veurink; alternates (in order) Ralph Smeding and Carl Werkman. Ministers: Rev. A.B. Roukema and Rev. C. Vanderlinde; alternates (in order) Rev. T. Vandergaag and Rev. R. Aasman.

### **URC Greeting**

Rev. H. Van der Woerd of the Leduc URC gives fraternal greetings from the URC. He points out how their last Synod Visalia made recommendations for URC and CanRC to continue to work together with a view to eventual union. Rev. Van der Woerd expresses the personal desire to work and cooperate with local Canadian Reformed churches. Rev. A.B. Roukema responds with words of appreciation.

### **Personal Question Period**

One brother made use of the question period.

### **Closing**

After the acts were adopted and the press release approved, the chairman closed the meeting in a Christian manner.

R. Aasman